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Stay safe

Stay Healthy

Keep busy

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## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This is a special edition of our Maryland Token and Medal Society Journal. Since so many of us are still self-quarantined because of the COVID-19 virus, your journal editor Jane Sears and I decided you may need another dose of exomunia reading to keep you busy during this very long lull in our hobby. We have had several MD TAMS meetings and coin shows cancelled. This is our effort to keep our mutual hobby interests front and center in your minds and to hopefully give you some interesting reading while you have more time on your hands. We really hope you enjoy this special addition to our normal Journal schedule.

It is our current plan to have our annual meeting at the November 2020 Whitman Show (assuming we have one). As you know, we normally announce our 2019 literary awards at the annual meeting which is normally in the summer. With the cancellation of our June meeting this year, we will announce our 2019 Literary Awards at the November meeting. If this meeting gets cancelled too, we will announce these annual awards in a subsequent Journal.

As a final reminder, your 2020-2021 dues were due on 31 March 2020. If we have not received your dues, you will no longer receive any Maryland Token and Medal Society Journals. In most cases, people just forget to pay their dues. We want to keep our membership so if you have not paid your dues, please send them in NOW. Send them to the MD TAMS Post Office box (address on the Journal).

Speaking about our Journal, we always need more articles. With this extra time at home these days due to the COVID virus, please consider writing an article about a token or medal in your collection. Share this with your fellow collectors. Also, much to my chagrin, I have heard some comments that our Journals have not been full enough. I appreciate the fact that some members want more good hobby information and appreciate all the work that goes into the Journal; however, this new world order has made Journal publication more difficult. For example, for the printed versions, our editor has to print them all herself as access to our normal printing source is not readily available. Until we get back to our normal printing/mailling routine, Journal publication will be more difficult and costly. Even before this change in our methodology, getting a hard copy Journal to those members who choose to get one was more costly than what is covered by the annual dues. We are likely to increase annual dues for members who get hard copy Journals. We plan to discuss this at the November meeting.

For all our members and their families: Stay safe and Healthy  
Ed Craig, president

### WOODEN NICKELS - UPDATE OF INTEREST

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/wooden-money/?fbclid=IwAR0IA9AKQTUXiZt07eEz8mClALSDF2NfkooYUaRU9m1RbZGnuJ9MhrDfH7I>



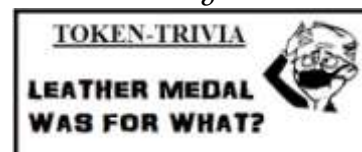
## FROM YOUR EDITOR

*Hello Fellow Members*

*WE are sending you this special COVID edition. With all of us in our home trying to find things to do. Hoping you are working on your collections. Ed and I decided to give you something to read. I am adjusting the timeline that the journal will be coming out. It won't be too far off of their original dates but they will be closer to the upcoming scheduled event. If anyone has an article please send it in. It doesn't have to be big.*

*I found a very interesting site on YouTube.*

*"Five Minute Histories" by Johns Hopkins (yes he is related to the original) Watch them! You will enjoy the presentation he gives. (there are many) I met him when Russ had his Johns Hopkins talk and exhibit at the Clifton Mansion.*



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# I WISH I HAD THAT MEDAL!

By Jane Sears LM12

Being stuck inside for the duration of this pandemic, I have been busy researching tokens and medals and my genealogy. I have been off EBay because buyers really don't have money to buy items. With my family research I typed in my 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather's name: John Charles Wildberger. The normal newspaper articles came up but a new one popped up this time.

The Lafayette Guards. Capt. C. Ferrandini, Lieutenants W. Dougherty, P. Perciot, John Clements, and Ensign W. Hill, attended by the Blues' Band, Capt. Holland, made a handsome parade, and, repairing to Mr. Imhoff's Reservoir House, had a target-firing, which developed admirable skill in the use of the musket. The first prize, a set of silver spoons, was awarded to private J. Bertrand for the best shot; the second, a gold bracelet, to F. Wagner for the second best shot; the third prize, a breastpin, to private J. Zender for the third best shot, and the fourth, a costly port monnole, to private J. Trille for the fourth best shot. For the worst shot, a beautiful leather medal was awarded to Corporal Wildberger.

November 27, 1855 The Sun

The Lafayette Guard awarded prizes for shooting first to fourth place. Then they awarded a beautiful leather medal for the worst shot to a Corporal Wildberger. Was this a joke? Who knows! Since there was only one Wildberger in the Baltimore Directory in 1855 this is my ancestor. He would be about 32 years old and was a \*carter in trade. In 1856 he divorced his wife and remarried about 1860. In 1868 he walked out of his house and disappeared. In 1874 his wife went to orphans court to claim her children.



I first thought it was a German Society but it wasn't. The Lafayette Guard was organized in 1853 by a group of French citizens (even though my ancestor was German he joined them). It was one of the companies that made up the 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. It was disbanded on October 23, 1861. It was named for Marquis de Lafayette who visited on October 7, 1824. On July 12, 1853 they were part of the parade for the President Pierce. Their services were rendered at Harper's Ferry during the late John Brown raid (Oct 16, 1859).

"Their parade uniform consists of a frock coat or tunic of fine blue cloth, cut in the fashionable style with one row of gilt eagle buttons in front, and trimmed with red; pantaloons of red cassimere, with gold stripe, red worsted epaulettes; caps in the French style of blue cloth; red pompon, with the initials letters in front; body belts of white patent leather, and knapsacks of black leather with haversacks attached – in fact, the uniform is the same as the French guards, The Baltimore Company is to have black \*\*gaiter instead of light".

"An act for the encouragement of volunteer companies in the Baltimore City" was passed at the 1853 session of the legislature (July 26, 1853 No.110 section) A sum of two hundred dollars for the use of said companies each year was paid to them by the State.

They held social dances to raise funds and shooting competition after their parading. Their armory was at Carroll Hall (S. E. corner Baltimore and Calvert). They worked on shooting, drills and marching skills. Their shooting range was in Locust Point.



Military Night Parade.—The Lafayette Guards, Major Johannes, 53d regiment, in command, met last night at their armory on South street, and paraded for drill practice. They mustered nearly 30 musketeers, and were accompanied by life and drum. Their evolutions and marching commanded much attention.

September 1, 1857 The Sun

SECOND SOCIAL SOIREE  
OF THE  
MINUTE-MEN'S ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
LAFAYETTE GUARD,  
To be held at  
OSCEOLA HALL.  
On WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 21, 12  
MANAGERS:  
Serg't Robert G. King, Corp'l Daniel Dougherty  
Corp'l Wm. B. Laibe, Private Aug. Chilton.  
TICKETS FIFTY CENTS, admitting a Gent's  
man and Ladies. ml2, 18, 21, 22, 23-57

March 3, 1859 The Sun



**OLD VOLUNTEER MILITIA COMPANIES:** A listing of companies with their years started and number of members. Also special notes about the companies.

THE INDEPENDENT GREYS - 30 members

FIRST BALTIMORE GERMAN GUARDS- 1776 -1881 - 30 members

FIRST BALTIMORE LIGHT INFANTRY - 1787

FELL'S POINT EAGLE ARTILLERY - 1789

FIFTH REGIMENT - 1792

HIBERNIAN INFANTRY - 1796

BALTIMORE INDEPENDENT BLUES - 1798

HIBERNIAN CORPS OF UNION GREENS – 1807

WASHINGTON BLUES - 1812

BALTIMORE INDEPENDENT VOLUNTEERS

MARION RIFLE CORPS – 1823

MARION RESERVE GUARD – 1828-32 members

INDEPENDENT GRAYS - 1833 – uniform patterned after the West Point Cadets

MARYLAND CADETS - 1836

JUNIOR ARTILLERISTS - 1837

BALTIMORE INVINCIBLES - 1838

CHESAPEAKE RIFLEMEN - JUNE 1845

FIRST RIFLE REGIMENT - 1846

COLUMBIAN RIFLEMEN - 1846

GERMAN GUARDS - 1846

JACKSON GUARDS - 1850 – 30 members

THE LAW GREYS -1850 – 32 members

WELLS AND McCOMAS RIFLEMEN - 1853

MONUMENTAL RIFLES - 1853

**LAFAYETTE GUARDS 1850 - 1861 – 40 members** – 30 muskets (Captain, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut., Orderly Sergeant, Quartermaster, Corporal, Privates, Ensign & regular members

THE MONTGOMERY GUARDS- 1853 - green uniform, commanded by Captain GEORGE P. KANE

BALTIMORE CITY GUARDS - 1853 - 66 members

MOUNT VERNON GUARDS - 1854 - handsome blue uniform

AMERICAN RIFLEMEN - 1855

MARYLAND GUARDS - 1855

SHIELDS GUARDS - 1856

BALTIMORE CITY RIFLES - 1860

BALTIMORE CITY GUARDS – gray uniforms - 66 members

BALTIMORE INVINCIBLES – 1838 - 50 muskets - brilliant red & blue uniformed & tall bear skin shako

THE CITY GUARD – 53 members

THE LIGHT GUARD

THE ITALIAN GUARD

NATIONAL GRAYS – 30 members

WASHINGTON GUARD – 33 members

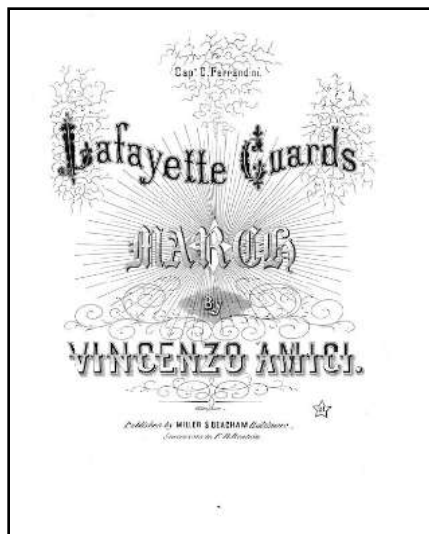
MD VOLUNTEERS – 21 members

Many other guards were established at a later period, some of the companies having practically disbanded, the following independent commands were added to the regiments: NATIONAL BLUES & NATIONAL GRAYS.



What is interesting about this group is my ancestor winning the leather medal and Capt. C. Ferrandini (1823-1910). While researching him I found out he was a barber & hairdresser at the Barnum's Hotel who came from Corscia. He stood at the center of the alleged plot to assassinate President-elect Abraham Lincoln on February 23, 1861. He was a very vocal Southern sympathizer. His home was searched and found no guns. He appeared before a Congressional Committee investigating the rumors. This whole situation was known as the "BALTIMORE PLOT". He was never charged. President-elect Lincoln was to travel thru Baltimore with his wife and children. He was informed of the plot and he was secretly disguised and made his way thru Baltimore. The Plot had failed. He was a drill instructor captain in the Lafayette Guard from 1853 to 1858. Early in 1858 he resigned from the Lafayette Guard. He was also a Lt in the Montgomery Guard in late 1855 and captain in the Winans Guard 1861.





They even had their own sheet music “Lafayette Guards March” by Vincenzo Amici (Baltimore). There was other Lafayette Guards throughout the United States.

\* CARTER - a person that carries or conveys goods in a cart

\*\* GAITER - a cloth or leather leg covering reaching from the instep to above the ankle or to mid-calf or knee

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I would of love to see that medal – if anyone has it please share a photo. Thanks

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## FINK'S

by Jane Sears LM12



alum OCT 20mm

Obv: FINK'S / ESSEX / MD.

Rev: GOOD FOR / 5 ¢ / IN TRADE

TC- 564365 image courtesy of suncoins

Contributed by muddobber16 but not attributed

I was looking for something on this website (tokencatalog.com) and found this token. It wasn't one Russ and I had in our collection. But, I thought I would research it.

Fink's Café at 446 Eastern Avenue (corner N. Taylor Avenue and Eastern Avenue) had advertisements for Experienced BARMAIDS running from 1955 to 1957. At that address in 1947 there was an ad for sale of a Beverage Cooler but no store was named.

In the 1958 that address is listed for the Essex House Cocktail Lounge and continues thru 1960.



# MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR THE MECHANIC ARTS

Frank Pugliese R111

One of the older pieces in our Baltimore collection is a large silver medal from the Maryland Institute for the Promotion of Mechanic Arts. It is 15 cm in diameter. In the center is the figure of Justice holding scales above her head in her left hand. In the right hand she holds a sword resting on the ground. There are articles for commerce and ships in the background and the word BALTIMORE in the exergue. In the foreground is a Latin motto which, I believe, translates as Industry the Means, Plenty the Result.



At the apex of the reserve are the engraved words AWARDED TO. Below is a hand scripted dedication as follows:



*Geo. L. Wild.*  
*FOR*  
*Patent Tuning Screws*  
*on Piano.*  
**ES**

The designer's name Stabler is poorly impressed on the bottom and is virtually illegible. Encircling the edge of the medal is a wreath of leaves, possibly laurel leaves.

The origin of this medal is unknown. Maryland Institute sent the dies to the U.S. Mint in November, 1857, a year after the date of the award. The dies continued to be used for silver and bronze medals until around 1880. A smaller version of the die was used for striking gold, silver and bronze medals.

Baltimore was home to a large number of talented silversmiths but we are not aware of any who struck medals of this size. We would appreciate if you have information on anyone who might have made this medal. There is a possibility that the award was bestowed on the recipient in 1856 but the medal itself was not given until 1857, Ah, the mysteries of this hobby.

## RESOURCES:

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# Notes from the Eastern Shore

Bill Miller R-109

## Baltimore Maverick Error Identified



Don't you love it when you play a hunch & get it right? No, I'm not talking about at the race track, but with a pesky token attribution. Sometimes attributions are easy, and sometimes they're not, but it's solving the tricky ones that give the most satisfaction.

Recently I purchased a token that "screamed" Baltimore to me. It had, "the look" of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century saloon token, classic Dorman reverse, researchable name, and street address. The obverse reads, J.R. Kammer / 160 / N. Gray / St.", with the reverse, "Good For / 5 / In Trade". It is round, brass, 22mm. Everything was lining up just right except for one thing, there's no 160 N. Gray St. in Baltimore. Still, I had gotten the token locally and was sure it had to be from Baltimore, so undeterred, I began doing some research.

It was frustrating. Looking on the internet I found copies of Polk's Baltimore City Directory for most of the years between 1900-1925. I searched "Kammer" & found there was a J.R. Kammer listed, but not at 160 N. Gray St., and not in the saloon business. I looked at every year from 1900 on, thinking that a listing would be in one of the directories. By the time I had gotten to 1920 I had just about given up. I figured that if it was a saloon or bar token prohibition would have ended that possibility & there would be no use looking any further.

Still, I just knew a listing had to be in there somewhere, so I kept going, and Bingo! I finally found it. Only it wasn't 160 N. Gray St., but **160 N. Gay St.!** It turns out that John R. Kammer was listed under soft drinks at the Gay St. address from 1922-1929. And selling "soft drinks" in the 1920s could have been a cover for selling alcohol illegally! O.K., maybe not, but it's a possibility. Persistence paid off & one more Baltimore maverick is in the books.

The listing can be seen on [tokencatalog.com](http://tokencatalog.com) where it has been positively attributed to Baltimore, thanks to the on-line Baltimore business directories & a little luck.





# THIEF or SPY

by Jane Sears LM12

Though there is no token or medal for this article, I wanted to share this with you. As the soldiers hunkered down at Fort McHenry in September 1814, we are now hunkering down too. A year before the battle started Russ's 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather may have had a spy in his blacksmith shop in 1813.

Henry Winter was a blacksmith whose shop was located at the northwest corner of Eutaw and Saratoga Sts from 1803 thru 1824. Henry fought at the battle of North Point in the 51<sup>st</sup> Regiment Co. A. He was also a member of one of Baltimore's volunteer fire department. He was born January 3, 1774 in Pa. and died February 1, 1826 in Baltimore at the age of 52 years old.

In June 1813, while working in his blacksmith shop and home with other people around he was approached by a Mr. John Bayes for services to be done. When they finished the paperwork on the project, John Bayes left stealing the key to the U. S. Armory. He was arrested then escaped his bail about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 1813. Bayes was witnessed by five or six witnesses and a \$100 Dollar reward was posted by Henry Winter. He advertized in the American & Commercial Daily Advertiser from July 2, 1813 thru January 29, 1814. A total of 49 ads were purchased by Winter. Attached is a copy of the ad.

## AMERICAN & COMMERCIAL DAILY ADVERTISER (49)

July 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28, 1813

August 9, 10, 11, 14, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 1813

September 4, 11, 13, 15, 17, 1813

October 1, 2, 9, 23, 1813

November 6, 20, 27, 29, 30, 1813

December 10, 11, 18, 25, 28, 1813

January 1, 15, 21, 22, 29, 1814

To think this thief could have really cost us  
our country freedom.

Haven't found any other articles where he was captured.

I researched the U.S. Armory for that time and found one in Harpers Ferry. It was started by George Washington in 1795 and finished 1801. Construction was under James McHenry's supervision (Secretary of War). There were two or three additional armories. I don't think Henry Winter from Baltimore would travel to Harpers Ferry to deliver a key unless he was a super duper locksmith and blacksmith. They would get a blacksmith there to do it. I think he was referring to Fort McHenry's magazine.

What do you think!



Thanks Ed

**100 Dollars Reward.**

**STOP THE VILLAIN.**

**ABSCONDED** from his Bail, about the 1st of June, 1813.

**JOHN BAYES,**

Who is charged with stealing the key of the front door of the United States Armory, out of the house, with the supposed intention to rob the armory or set fire to it.

*John Bayes* is about 5 feet 4 inches high, thick set, full face; generally wears a surtout in warm or cold weather, either blue or drab; has a wife and two children which may probably be with him; the eldest child's name is Robert, but they may possibly change their names.

Bayes is an Englishman, fond of drink and gambling, he came last from Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and resided in Baltimore about twelve months, where he carried on the business of a Locksmith. Manufacturers, Armorers, &c are hereby cautioned not to employ him, as he is a Villain of sufficient cunning to destroy these places.

Whoever secures the above Bayes, and lodges him in any jail in the U. States, shall receive if in the State of Maryland \$20; or for giving information by letter from any part of the United States to the subscriber so that I get him \$20; if in an adjoining State \$30; if 500 miles from Baltimore \$50; if above 500 miles and brought to Baltimore before me so that I can send him to jail, shall receive the above reward and all reasonable charges by the subscriber.

**HENRY WINTER,**  
Corner of Saratago and Eutaw sts.—Baltimore.

N. B. Five or six respectable witnesses swore to the fact of his committing the Felony.

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